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SUBJECT : OPRED Re-vamp

1. Glynn Mays provided me with a copy of the package used by State in briefing the principals attending the May 20 meeting (attached). He said Clements took a very hard line on both the DAS office and OPRED in general, but in the end concurred that there was a useful management function to be performed. DOD will participate in the task group which will meet to work out new terms of reference. I said, after glancing at pages 11 and 12 of the briefing document, that the general thrust of ideas for revising the function seemed parallel to the ones I had heard over here: simplification of reporting, freer movement within regional ceilings, etc.

2. Mays expressed disappointment at the DCI position on While noting that the DAS office produced nothing of significance, the DCI had been reluctant to render the definitive kind of judgement which the President's letter of November 1971 seemed to ask of him regarding all intelligence matters. I said there seemed to have been an evolution in that it was clear that the DCI, with a general functional interest, simply did not have executive authority over the various agencies. There was thus an effort to identify national versus departmental or tactical intelligence and resources. The DCI had exercised his responsibility in the national hat, and had acknowledged departmental authority otherwise. Mays said that the problem was that DOD was not staying within ceilings and no one seemed to have or be able to wield yardsticks against which to measure what they are doing.

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3. Mays asked if IC still wanted the summary of intelligence positions. I said we would like to have that kind of information for general background in any form he was able to provide it. While the Agency OPRED officer would no doubt sit with the task group and continue to deal with CIA problems, I would stay in touch with him on IC related matters. Our feeling was that the DCI had no desire to get into the fine detail of individual positions. Substantive programs were under review in other forums anyway, and many positions could not usefully be examined separate from the broad program. On the other hand, the OPRED group should not hesitate to ask for a formal appraisal of an issue of substance. Mays fretted that few major issues arose, but a continuing flow of one or two here and there tended to make large cumulative problems.

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